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Re: Re-enrolling in SeniorCare

Dear SeniorCare Participant:

You are currently enrolled in the Wisconsin SeniorCare program and you are also a Medicare beneficiary. The SeniorCare program has been helping individuals such as yourself buy prescription drugs at an affordable cost. Governor Doyle continues to fight to make sure Wisconsin can keep its prescription drug benefit plan.

I am sure you continue to hear a lot about the federal government's new prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries, called Medicare Part D. This new benefit will start January 1, 2006.

You may receive a mailing from the federal government soon about this new prescription drug benefit. The mailing will contain information about extra help you might be able to receive to help pay for premiums, deductibles and co-payments under this new federal program.

Many of you will be receiving your SeniorCare renewal form within the next few months because your benefit period is due to expire, while others of you may not be due to receive your renewal form for a number of months yet. When you receive your SeniorCare renewal form in the mail, you must complete and return the renewal form to the SeniorCare program, along with your enrollment fee, in order to keep receiving assistance in paying for your prescription drugs.

If you get your renewal form between now and January 1, 2006, **we strongly encourage you to renew your SeniorCare benefits so you have continuous prescription drug coverage.** Even if you are interested in Medicare Part D, benefits under that program do not begin until January 1, 2006.

It will be important for all SeniorCare participants to carefully examine how Part D compares to SeniorCare. We know how important prescription drug coverage is to you, so we want to make sure you have the information you need to choose the prescription drug plan that is best for you.

There are many resources available to you if you have questions about SeniorCare or Medicare Part D benefits including:

- The SeniorCare Hotline at 1-800-657-2038 for questions about SeniorCare.
- The Prescription Drug Helpline at 1-866-456-8211 for Medicare beneficiaries with questions about Medicare Part D. This Helpline is sponsored by the Coalition for Wisconsin Aging Groups Elder Law Center.
- Your County Department on Aging if you would like to speak to an elderly benefit specialist.

Sincerely,

SeniorCare Program